

EASTERN ITEMS.

A MORMON COLONY TO BE FORMED IN MEXICO.

The Life of Martin Van Buren—Postal Appointments—California Raisins in London—Brewery Sold—Secret Ballot Bill.

Milwaukee's treasury is empty. Evangelist Moody is in New York. Money loans in Chicago at 4 to 6 per cent.

Severe frosts are injuring crops in Dakota.

Rev. Sam Jones is "shaking" up Danville, Va.

Rochester, N. Y., is to be lighted with natural gas.

President Diaz has officially received Minister Ryan.

Malarial fever is playing havoc with horses in Chicago.

A feeling of uncertainty still pervades the copper market.

A pension has been granted Peter Withers, of Idaho.

Eastern men have bought the biggest brewery in Montana.

A \$400,000 Cuban sugar grinding factory has been burned.

The Secret Ballot bill has passed the Connecticut legislature.

Adjutant-General Drum has been placed on the retired list.

Rose Terry Cooke, the authoress, is seriously ill at Pittsburg.

California cherries at \$1 a pound are admired afar in Pittsburg.

Rails have been shipped for the road from El Paso to Chihuahua.

The Government printing office at Washington is said to be unsafe.

The mother of Jake Kilrain, aged 58 years, died at Baltimore on the 28th.

The popularity of lawn tennis is rapidly increasing in some Eastern cities.

The Connellsville, Penn., region is pestered by a band of colored tramps.

R. S. Simpson has been appointed postmaster at Amity, Yamhill county, Or.

It is rumored that a Catholic Congress will be held this summer in Washington.

The Sioux Indians are said to be willing to negotiate the sale of their reservation.

A heavy consignment of last year's California raisins has just been sold at London.

M. A. Robertson has been appointed postmaster at Independence, Polk county, Oregon.

A. J. Florey has been appointed postmaster at Eagle Point, Jackson county, Oregon.

The New York Legislature authorized the appointment of six female factory inspectors.

Benjamin Hoover, has been commissioned postmaster at Matoles, Crook county, Or.

A committee has been formed in London to arrange for a national memorial to John Bright.

Duncan C. Ross nearly killed Pete Laroyer in a broadsword contest, at Montreal, last week.

Denver, Col., has been seized with an epidemic of murders and suicides to an alarming extent.

It is claimed that there are defects in the construction of parts of the postoffice building at Baltimore.

E. S. Brubaker has received his commission as postmaster at Mount Tabor, Multnomah county, Or.

A peculiar disease, resembling malarial fever, is prevalent among horses in the vicinity of Indianapolis.

In the May parties held in Central Park, New York, recently, there were no less than 17,979 children.

A tremendous hail and rainstorm, recently, caused washouts between Kansas City and Lawrence, Kan.

Idaho and Wyoming begin to feel lonesome in Territories. They want to come into the sisterhood of states.

Seventeen-year locusts have made their appearance in countless numbers in the central portion of Tennessee.

George Bancroft has recently completed a life of Martin Van Buren, to be published by the Harper Brothers.

The reward of \$50,000 for the arrest of Tascot, the murderer of Banker Snell at Chicago, will hold good for sixty days.

The wheat crop in Sonora, Mexico, is immense. For the first time in the history of Mexico there will be a surplus.

The president's family will spend the summer at Deer Park, Md., where he will be able to join them every Saturday.

The Galveston News says that more cattle have been shipped from Texas to the North this season than for many years.

John W. Norton of St. Louis, has been granted a divorce from Emma S. Norton, who eloped with Henry Moore less than a year ago.

A plot was unearthed last week for a general delivery of convicts confined in the Hudson County penitentiary, at Snake Hill, N. J.

The Canadian Pacific has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury to be bonded as a common carrier between ports of the United States.

It is proposed to make important changes in the monitor Puritan. She will be transferred into an armored vessel of modern type.

FOREIGN PLANNES.

The Chilean Government Orders Some Big Guns—The Baby King of Spain Going to the Exposition.

The Nipsic has gone to Auckland. Red is the fashionable color in Paris.

London proposes a search for natural gas.

A tennis tournament is in progress in Dublin.

Members of the Italian press in Berlin were banqueting.

On the Paris Boulevards Roue has given place to Roubillard.

The baby king of Spain is going to the Paris exposition in June.

Mrs. Frank Leslie is going to start a fashion paper in London.

King Humbert has gone to visit Empress Frederick at Frankfurt.

Sir Morell Mackenzie has greatly regained his health at Madeira.

The number of paupers in England has increased rapidly of late years.

Minister Lincoln was given a special train from Liverpool to London.

The issue of the Panama Canal Lottery bonds in France has been abandoned.

Queen Marguerite, of Italy, is one of the best violinello players of the day.

Americans are reported as receiving scant courtesy at the Paris Exposition.

American women are becoming more and more prominent in London society.

The Sultan sends to the Empress of Germany a necklace valued at \$150,000.

Women in Paris are becoming more and more addicted to the morphine habit.

The number of persons drowned in the recent floods in Austria is estimated at 100.

American delegates have arrived at Berlin to study the German river systems.

Eleven thousand men have been on a strike in Silesia. The situation is threatening.

Buenos Ayres has now a port and vessels are freed from excessive-litigation charges.

The Greek minister of war has died suddenly at Marseilles, where he had just arrived.

The Krupp works have been obliged to shut down owing to lack of coal caused by the strike.

Eight persons were killed by lightning in a storm at Boskowitz, Australia, on Friday, May 17.

The official reports of France show that they exported last year 24,518 horses, mostly to the United States.

The Parisians call him "Buffalo Beel," and the prettiest women in town are turning the heads of his Indians.

At the horticultural show at the Trocadero during June, there will be 5000 rose trees, of 3000 varieties, in bloom.

Emperor Dom Pedro, of Brazil, is very ill, and his death, which seems to be eminent, may be followed by a revolution.

Electric light equivalent in illuminating power to 1,700,000 candles will be used in lighting the Paris exhibition.

In the Sydney courts it has been decided that no Sunday newspaper can sue for advertisements, the contract being illegal.

There is great suffering among the idle laborers at Panama. Many are without food and shelter and the tropical wet season is on.

The steamer Slavonia from Stettin for New York, with 200 passengers, broke her shaft at sea and returned to a Clyde shipyard for repairs.

Germany last year imported into that empire 73,519 horses, most of which were for cavalry horses, besides what they raised at home.

The saloon of Buckingham Palace, famous for the three superb crystal chandeliers which it contains, is now lighted by electricity.

Several members of parliament will entertain John Sherman upon his return to London from Paris. Sir Lion Playfair will preside.

The Chilean government, it is reported, has determined to order for immediate delivery ten 45-ton Krupp guns for defense of the coast.

The evicted tenants on the Olphert estates in Ireland threw boiling water on the policemen and a number were severely scalded.

The Prussian government has temporarily reduced freight rates on all lines, in order to alleviate the distress arising from the dearth of coal.

It is stated that an international conference will shortly be held in Rome to settle the question of the construction of a tunnel through the Simplon.

All Russian ships-of-war are to be lighted exclusively by electricity, and by January next the whole of the Russian fleet will be lighted by that means.

The English negotiations with the Chinese government for a treaty regulating and restricting Chinese immigration to the Australian colonies, are at a deadlock.

The machinery palace at the Paris exhibition is the largest building under a single roof ever built, and the American exhibit occupies one-third of the entire space.

Earl Dudley, who was caught in the late rade on a London gambling house, reached his majority only a few months ago, and has already gambled away \$200,000.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

PLUMBERS AND TINNERS ON A STRIKE.

Criminally Assaulted Two Little Girls—A Man Cowhided by a Young Lady—The Astronomical Society—News Notes.

Spokane Falls claims a population of 24,000.

Spokane Falls has opened a new savings bank.

Ripe figs from Yuma are exhibited at Sacramento.

Olive culture is attracting attention in Yuba county.

Sacramento is infested with a gang of sneak-thieves.

The Reese River Revelle has begun its fifty-third volume.

Plumbers and tinnners at Vancouver, B. C., are on a strike.

Ten acres of barley were burned over near Merced, recently.

Tacoma is troubled with a gang of fire-bugs and sneak-thieves.

A heavy rain and hail storm fell at La Grande, Or., on the 29th.

The rainstorm at Lakeport destroyed the brick in a large kiln.

Several cases of malignant diphtheria have occurred at Modesto.

Portland's streets were crowded with visitors on Decoration Day.

A 7½ pound salmon trout has been caught at the Folsom dam.

The dwelling of J. Orford, near Petaluma, was burned last week.

H. W. Fuller, one of Chico's prominent citizens and pioneers, is dead.

Charles Walters was shot by a Chinaman at San Leandro, on the 27th.

The ladies of Tacoma gave the senatorial party a reception last week.

The grocery store of Monty & Gunn, of Tacoma, was burned on the 29th inst.

Santa Cruz and Monterey counties had slight earthquake shocks on the 29th.

The managers of the Sacramento ball team have decided to reinstate Veach.

An organized league of burglars from Chicago are working Puget Sound towns.

There has been no application for the office of Register of the Stockton Land office.

Charles Wolff, aged ten years, fell from a tree at Ventura, last week, and was killed.

Dr. John B. Smith, an old physician of Petaluma, has been stricken with apoplexy.

A man named Lee was cowhided by Miss M. Richmond, at Fresno, on the 25th inst.

Farmer Mills, of San Luis Obispo county, has planted nine tons of potatoes this year.

The next meeting of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific Coast will be held July 20th.

William Warden, alias Ross, an escapee from Folsom Prison, has been recaptured at Seattle.

Creighton, the San Francisco jury-briber, is still in Victoria, and refuses to talk to reporters.

The Santa Cruz Sea Breeze has issued its first number. It is of the Democratic persuasion.

The Nevada State convention of the W. C. T. U. will meet at Reno on June 5th and 6th.

General Miles is visiting Santa Cruz and Monterey to select a site for the July encampment.

The mines on the Comstock controlled by J. W. Mackay will close on Sundays after June 1st.

Thomas Stracher, a contractor at Otay, San Diego county, is missing, and murder is hinted at.

Articles of incorporation for the San Pedro Electric Light and Power Company, were filed last week.

An American has opened a restaurant at Lemoore, Tulare county, and forced the Chinese to leave.

The State Grange opened at Salem on the 29th in secret session, with a full attendance of members.

Mrs. John Page at Butte, M. T., has been acquitted of the charge of murdering her husband last February.

A number of men employed in the steam engineering department at Mare Island, have been discharged.

Haywards cherry-growers are dissatisfied at the price paid by canners and are shipping a carload a day East.

The new road between San Leandro and Haywards, Castro Valley and the redwoods was opened for travel.

A man named Pennington shot and killed another man named Bolcom, near Ely Valley, in Baker county, Oregon, last week.

The American bark Emerald was totally destroyed by fire at Port Gamble on the 26th. Part of the cargo of lumber will be saved.

Mrs. Kramer, of San Francisco, was run over and killed on the 29th, in that city, by the train running on the Geary-street extension.

Mrs. Head, a music teacher at Fresno, has been missing for several days, notwithstanding her friends have made diligent search for her.

Six palace cars for Haggis are nearly completed at the railroad shops at Sacramento. They will leave June 6th with his stable of races for the East.

HOME AND FARM.

The Care of Horses—Something Good to Eat—To Keep Young Weeds Down—Bee-Keeping—Notes.

For potato culture, manure the land in the fall and plow it under in the spring.

It is a mistaken idea that a hen's nest ought to do duty a year without renewing.

By planting the red raspberry, bee-keepers would have one of the best bee pastures known, and a crop of fruit also.

Common wheat flour made into paste with cold water, applied dry, will take out grease spots without injuring the most delicate fabric.

A strong solution of carbolic acid and water, poured into holes, kills all the ants it touches, and the survivors immediately take themselves off.

To stop the bleeding of a horse or other stock from a snag or wound, make an application of dry horse manure, and it will stop the bleeding every time.

One pound of green copperas dissolved in one quart of boiling water will destroy foul smells. Powdered borax scattered in their haunts will disperse cockroaches.

For good returns for feeding, taking one year with another, we would rather trust a bunch of even, well selected wethers than any other stock on the farm.

If you want to grow a good crop of nice potatoes in your garden, beware of sprouted seed. If your seed potatoes cannot be retarded otherwise, keep them in the ice house or refrigerator.

Any man closely observant knows that a compactly built hog with light bone, weighing from 175 to 250 pounds, is the selling hog for the market; and that these weights are the most profitable to grow.

Ordinary buttermilk is a valuable food not only for pigs, but for the family. It contains 5 per cent of milk sugar, nearly 1 per cent of mineral salts, as well as nitrogenous materials and a proportion of butter fat.

Every young weed that comes up and is cut down is one less weed to go to seed. The way to keep down weeds is to allow the seeds to germinate and then destroy the young plants. In this manner the work is easier and better performed.

A good way to arrange fruit in a dish for an ornamental piece, is to set a glass tumbler in the center of the dish, around and over it put a thick layer of moss, then not nearly so much fruit will be required, and it can be arranged very handsomely.

Baked Beans: Soak one quart of beans in water over night; in the morning put them in an iron kettle with one-half pound of salt pork and water to cover. When tender, but not broken, take out of the liquor with a skimmer and put in a baking pan with the pork on top and bake until brown.

White Mountain Cake: Two cups of sugar, one cup of butter, one cup of sweet milk, four eggs, four cups of flour, two teaspoonsful of baking powder. Cream, butter and sugar together, add the beaten yolks, then the milk, flour with the baking power sifted through it, and last the beaten whites; flavoring. Bake in one loaf.

Resin in soap is a fraud. It makes poor soap hard and greatly lessens the cost. Some say that resin improves soap because of the turpentine in it. They might as well say a dry bone makes good food because of the meat that was on it once. There is no turpentine in resin; it was all taken out in the making, and the resin discolors and spoils white goods and shrinks woollens. But turpentine in small quantities added to boiling clothes, sweetens them and improves the color.

The best boys and girls we have ever known on the farm were those whose parents gave them an interest in something to raise or cultivate as their own. To a boy especially, the feeling of ownership is a happy, proud, hopeful one. He feels that he has something to work for, to look forward to. The pig will in due time become a fat, marketable hog, the little lamb a fine wool-bearing sheep, the colt a handsome horse, the chickens grow to profitable hens, and the calf into a fine milk cow. Parents, give your children a chance in this direction, and your farms will be better cultivated and your homes made happier by it.

Something to Eat Between Talks: Here is another sweet dish thoroughly to season. Take three pounds of sweet almonds, two pounds and a half of crushed sugar, and one pound of strawberries. Pound the almonds into a kind of paste, and mix them with sugar. Add the juice of the strawberries, which must be previously crushed. Place the pan containing these different ingredients on a slow fire, and stir them up continuously. When the paste seems to have obtained a certain consistency, take it out of the pan and spread it out on a baking board powdered with sugar, till it is of the thickness of a half-dollar. As soon as the paste is cold, cut it out in round or square pieces, and put them till hot and crisp, into the kitchener, and then serve.

Cocoa as Food: As an article of food cocoa differs essentially from both tea and coffee. While only an infusion of those substances is used, leaving a large proportion of their total weight unconsumed, the entire substance of the cocoa seeds is prepared as an emulsion for drinking, and the whole is thus utilized with the system. While the contents of a cup of tea or coffee can only be regarded as stimulant in its effect, and almost entirely destitute of essential nutritive properties, a cup of prepared cocoa is really a most nourishing article of diet, as, in addition to the value of the theobromine it contains it introduces into the system no inconsiderable proportion of valuable nitrogenous and oleaginous elements.

PORTLAND MARKET.

FAVORABLE REPORTS FROM ALL SECTIONS.

Coffee Quotations Remain About Steady—Sugars all Around Have Had a Slight Advance—The Wool Market Very Quiet.

From all accounts the weather is most propitious for crops of all kinds, especially the early fruits, which have been some damaged by the rains of late, and the only obstacle to the farmers reaping the benefit of another profitable harvest is, the present prospect of a low price for wheat, but as this is early in the season to prognosticate, they rely upon hope. In all lines of business in the local merchandise markets the transactions are good for the season of the year, and no complaints are heard. Sugars have advanced ¼c during the week, while provisions continue steady at former quotations. The vegetable market continues good and prices are fairly maintained for Oregon product, California having been almost driven from the market. Butter is firm, with no danger of the market getting overstocked, owing to the commencement of the packing season. We quote:

GROCERIES.
Sugars, Golden C 6½c, extra C 7c, dry granulated 8½c, cube, crushed and powdered 8½c. Coffee: Java 25@27c, Mocha 28@31c, Costa Rica 21½@22c, Rio 22@23c, Arbnckle's roasted 25½c.

PROVISIONS.
Oregon ham 12½@13c, breakfast bacon 13c, sides 10@12c, shoulders 8½@9c. Eastern ham 13@13½c, breakfast bacon 13@13½c, sides 9½@10c. Lard 9c 10s.

FRUITS.
Los Angeles oranges \$2.25, Riversides \$3.75@4.25. California lemons \$3.50@4 per box. Oregon strawberries \$1.25 per crate.

VEGETABLES.
Potatoes 35@50c, onions \$1.75, rhubarb 3c, tomatoes \$1@1.3c per box.

DRYED FRUITS.
Apples 4@5c, sliced 6c, pears 8c, Oregon plums 5@7, Italian 8c, silver 7c, German 6@6½c, plums 5@7c apricots 13@14c, peaches 8@10c, California figs 8c, raisins 7@7½c 22.50 per box.

DAIRY PRODUCE.
Butter, Oregon fancy 20c, medium 15@16c, common, 10@12½c. Eastern 22c, California 18@20c.

EGGS.
Hens 20c.

POULTRY.
Chickens \$5@5.50, broilers \$2.50@4, ducks and geese \$8@10, turkeys 20c per lb.

WOOL.
Valley 16@17c, Eastern Oregon 8@15c.

HOPS.
Hops 10@15c.

GRAIN.
Wheat, Valley \$1.20, Eastern Oregon \$1.15. Oats 29@30c.

FLOUR.
Standard #4, other brands \$3.50.

FEED.
Hay \$13@14 per ton, bran \$13@14, chop \$17½@20, shorts \$14@15, barley \$22.50 @25.

FRESH MEATS.
Beef: live, 3½c, dressed, 7c; mutton, live, 2½c, dressed 7c; lambs \$2.50 each, hogs live 6c, dressed, 7@7½c; veal 6@8c.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

Cornell University has put \$400,000 in new buildings the past year.

Ninety-five per cent. of the students of Franklin College, New Athens, O., are professing Christians. Sixty-five per cent. of the graduates of the college have entered the ministry.

Says a prominent clergyman: "I don't expect to see the millennium. I shall be quite satisfied if I live to see the day when there will be as many churches as grogshops in the country."

Wicked Boarder (on Sunday)—"You do not read Sunday papers. I believe, Mrs. DeGoode?" Mrs. DeGoode (severely)—"No, I do not, and I am grieved to find that you do." "I was only going to say that this copy of Sunday Scandal has a two-column account of that minister who was arrested for improper—" "Oh, if there is any thing in the paper about ministers, that's different. Thank you."—Philadelphia Record.

A Greek, the wisest man of his day, once cried with honest fervor: "What a heap of things there are that I do not want! How lucky we should be if we could get out of discontent and envy into his habit of loving the good we have, but fearing to have all the good we desire! Well, we think, we really ought to have such and such a thing. If that is so, we shall have it, but we will not whimper meanwhile. We can put on the airs of Socrates, and congratulate ourselves that we can be jolly without it.—Wide Awake.

—Greenville, S. C., has two colored curiosities. One is a colored woman who was twelve years of age when George Washington was inaugurated as first President, and the other, an aged man, makes the following statement: "I am the father of nineteen children. I have a sister who has a family of twenty-four children. My mother and father had thirty-one children. I had thirty brothers and sisters.